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## NEWSNOTES

### Laurel Hill Streets named in honor of fallen heroes

Five Soldiers who died in the Global War On Terrorism will be honored this morning with streets in the new Laurel Hill Housing Area named in their honor. COL Larry C. Boyd will present plaques to the families of SSG Edward Karolasz, SPC Yoe M. Anieros, SPC Anthony J. Dixon, SPC Adam D. Froelich and SPC David P. Mahlenbrock. Families will be present to receive the honorifics and to view the street named in honor of their individual hero. The ceremony will be held on Montpelier Street at 10 a.m.

### Job Fair set at Club Dix Sept. 17

The Job Fair Company and Fort Dix Employment Readiness program will host a recruiting fair Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club Dix. More than 20 businesses and agencies will be on hand seeking to fill vacancies. Those interested in attending should bring resumes and dress for the type of job they are seeking. For more information, call Donna Brady, 800-632-5532.

### Fort Dix opens doors to retirees Sept. 20

The Annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20. The 2008 RAD will be held in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on Eighth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Dix, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all military retirees from all services are invited to attend this information filled morning.

### Art Therapy sessions set to draw kids

Art Therapy sessions will be offered for children faced with separation from their parents through Army Community Service Hearts Apart Support Group. Sessions will be offered each Wednesday. Children ages 4 to 8 years of age are invited to attend sessions scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; children 9 up to 13 years of age will attend sessions scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A professional Art Therapist will conduct these sessions. Children do not have to be artistically inclined to attend. Space is limited. Please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767 to register your child or children.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY -- Mostly sunny and hot, high around 90 degrees. Chance of showers into evening, overnight low of 66.**

**SATURDAY -- Cloudy and rainy, breezy throughout day. Daytime high of 78 and overnight low of 64 degrees.**

**SUNDAY -- Partly sunny, breezy, daytime high of 82 and overnight low of 58 degrees.**

**MONDAY -- Mostly sunny, some afternoon clouds, high of 83 degrees and overnight low of 61.**

**TUESDAY -- Chance of thunderstorms, high of 84 and overnight low of 56 degrees.**

**WEDNESDAY -- Partly cloudy, high of 78 degrees and low of 57.**

## Remember tragedy, celebrate life: Lonestar to perform Sept. 11

Jennifer M. McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

The multi-platinum country music group, Lonestar, will pay tribute to the events of Sept. 11, 2001 by playing a free outdoor show Sept. 11 at Doughboy Field. The Remembrance & Celebration of Life Concert is open to the public. The gates open at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Also performing that evening is comedian Dustin Chafin.

Anyone wishing to attend who does not have proper access to Fort Dix must use the Special Events Gate on Pointville Road and will be required to show a valid photo I.D.

"September 11, 2008 is a show we greatly look forward to," said band member Dean Sams. "Playing the Army Base in Fort Dix, New Jersey for so many men and women that continue to serve our country is going to be an honor. On a day that marks tragedy in our country, we hope to celebrate life through our music and remember those lost during the attacks on 9/11 and those who have been on the front lines ever since to ensure this doesn't happen again."

With over 10 million albums sold, Lonestar is getting ready to release their eleventh album this fall. Now, on their own record label, Lonestar

Records, the band is excited to be in charge and back in the studio putting the final touches on a new record they are very proud of. Their current single "Let Me Love You" is available on iTunes and the band is taking full advantage of the internet, mobile technology, social networking sites and participating in direct feedback with fans.

Since Lonestar broke onto the music scene with the 1995 top ten single, "Tequila Talkin'" the band has amassed 27 singles on the country charts, including nine number-one hits. In 1999, their song "Amazing" reached the top spot on both the country and Billboard Hot 100. In 1983,

The band formed in 1992 as Texas, a name that alluded to the fact the band members all hailed from Texas and met in Nashville, Tenn. The original band consisted of Ritchie McDonald singing lead vocals, Michael Britt on guitar and Keech Rainwater playing drums. Keyboards were played by Dean Sams and John Rich played bass guitar and sang co-lead vocals.

The concert is produced by the Fort Dix Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) directorate in conjunction with TMEG-Funny Biz Spread the Laughter.

For more information call FMWR at 562-5881.

## Johnson honored with top award

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation director, Sarah Johnson, was recognized for a career of outstanding achievement and support of the Army FMWR program August 27, when Maj. Gen. John McDonald, commander, FMWR Command, presented her with the Order of the White Plume during the FMWR Command Awards Banquet in Louisville, Ky.

The White Plume was established in 1982 by the Adjutant General of the Army to recognize outstanding service and contribution to MWR and family programs. It is the Army's highest medal for achievement in support of Army MWR. Winners of the White Plume represent true service to the soldier, the Army, and the nation.

"Thanks to Ms. Johnson's progressive, people-focused philosophy and strong work ethic, she has built a robust, successful FMWR operation that consistently exceeds community expectations. Her accomplishments provided unquestionable improvements to the entire Fort Dix and surrounding communities. Her dedication to the Army and the people and programs she supports is uncompromised and is most deserving of this recognition," wrote Joan Cole, chief of the Army Community Service division, in the submission package for the award.

Johnson has served within the FMWR community for more than 33 years, the last 11 years as the program director on Fort Dix. She is the 362nd recipient of the Order of the White Plume since the inception of the award.

Under Johnson's leadership and often due to innovative thinking on her part the FMWR directorate has been responsible for putting on or overseeing programs and events such as the

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Lisa Evans

## Hoping for hurricane rain

Fort Dix Firefighter Brian Middleton hoses down hot spots Aug. 29 while monitoring a slow-burning range fire in the impact area. Weeks of dry weather set the stage for the fire, and about 3600 acres burned during the week, though the flames were controlled and never posed a hazard to people or structures. While the flames have died out, firefighters are hoping for rain during the weekend to douse any remaining hot spots. For more information, see story on page 4.

## Dix joins preparedness campaign

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Sept. 2, 2008) -The Army launched the "Ready Army" campaign Sept. 2, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Month, which encompasses the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Ready Army is designed to prepare the entire Army family at installations and communities across the nation and around the world for all potential hazards, natural and man-made, officials said.

"While partnered and aligned with the Department of Homeland Security's national preparedness campaign called 'Ready,' Ready Army is specific to Army communities and is intended for use at the installation level," said James Platt, chief of the Asymmetrical Warfare Office's Protection Division.

"Quite a few products have been developed for Soldiers, civilians and their families to inform them about all types of hazards and encouraging individual, family and community emergency preparedness," Platt said.

Materials being sent to installations include an implementation guide, public service announcements,

briefings, brochures, posters, emergency management kit information and readiness checklists, family emergency management planning templates, an electronic media kit, children's activities, parent/teacher resource guide and web-based tools.

"At command and installation levels we're asking that public affairs offices partner with their emergency preparedness personnel, directors of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, first responders and family program personnel to promote this program," said Col. Jon Dahms, chief of Planning Support in Army public affairs.

"This program will educate our families on how to prepare for disaster and motivate them to 'Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed,' as the program's motto encourages," Dahms said.

Patricia Powell, Ready Army program manager, said the campaign's concepts were tested in a one-year pilot program at Fort Hood, Texas,

and at Army installations in Germany.

"In March, during Ready Army Week, Fort Hood emergency preparedness personnel worked with city officials of nearby Killeen to distribute brochures and pamphlets that provide valuable information about how to prepare for emergencies," said Powell.

Fort Dix will join other Army installations in launching the campaign nationwide, with emphasis on providing detailed information to as many groups as possible.

Included in the planned strategies are:

- Integrate Ready Army across the installation, all units, organizations and local community partnerships through a variety of outreach methods, including proclamations, brochures, promotional items, speaking engagements, and media coverage.

- Have Ready Army fact sheets available for all types of emergencies.

For example, tornado, flood, hurricane, lightning, wildfires, house fires and even school shootings. Let Ready Army sell itself as important every day, every month, every year for people in the community.

- Place static displays in areas of greatest outreach potential on post and in the community.

In addition to these best practices, some ideas for events and promotions at the installations are displays at commissaries and post exchanges highlighting the program; emergency preparedness exercises and demonstrations highlighting the program; presentations and demonstrations by local emergency preparedness personnel and installation-sponsored safety programs.

Another key part of National Preparedness Month will be the debut of the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System or ADPAAS, officials said.

This Web-based tool allows Families to update information by using the internet or calling a toll-free number.

In addition, ADPAAS will assist officials to determine the status of Army Families and then provide assistance as needed.

## travel

# Tourist chills out with Yankees, checks out New England

Steve Snyder  
Public Affairs Staff

*"We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time."*

poet T.S. Eliot

Memories of New England were hazy. I vaguely recall touring an old ship, probably Old Ironsides, when I was a small child and feeling lost in a department store that must have been in Boston. Also, relatives harping on the fact that Breed's Hill, not Bunker Hill, was a focal point of famous struggles at the beginning of America's revolution.

Having wondered amid Tennessee's Great Smokey Mountains and their cousins in North Carolina and West Virginia over the last few summers, it occurred to me that the time was ripe for another visit up north.

I planned another drive-through cruise, driving incessantly until a bed, a bar, or other attractions proved worthy of a stop promising suitable additions to my photo collection.

After visiting my brother's family for three days in a suburb of Rochester, I took off for New England on August 22. I went up Rt. 206 past Watertown and Fort Drum, stopping to dine at a roadside restaurant opposite Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks. I arrived at Port Kent on Lake Champlain around 5 p.m. but was too late to catch the ferry over to Burlington, Vt. A two-hour wait ensued, offering time to review travel plans.

I intended to drive through New England's classic mountain ranges, the Green mountains in Vermont and White mountains of New Hampshire, following circular routes to max out on the magnificent scenery.

After combing those two states I was heading to Bar Harbor in Maine where I wanted to inspect the Acadia National Park before turning southward down the Atlantic Coast and checking out Kennebunkport, location of the summer house of the Bush family, Boston; especially its harbor area and the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut; a sort of marine test home for historical American sailing vessels.

I pretty much accomplished my travel goals over the next five days with the exception of not seeing much of Rhode Island or actually touring Boston's harbor.

On day one I drove 321 miles from my brother's house to a very inexpensive motel just outside of Rutland, Vt. I got into the mountains big time on day two, thoroughly traversing both the Green and White mountain ranges for 307 miles before hitting another cheap motel in Lewistown, Maine. I hit the Maine attractions the next day, circling down the coast for 302 miles before sleeping at Brunswick.

From there I visited Mystic Seaport and stayed at Danbury before taking Route 84 to Scranton, Pa. and then home to Williamsport.



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**SURF AND TURF** -- With its glittering combinations of rugged seacoasts and towering mountains, the New England states have never been anything but inspiring to poets and other aficionados of nature's splendor. On the left, a bronze statue of a Gloucester fisherman pays tribute to those hardy Massachusetts souls who have battled the sea for a living since time immemorial. Gloucester fishermen were immortalized in the film "A Perfect Storm." Above center, a map traces the wanderings of a tourist through the hills of Vermont and New Hampshire and then down the seacoasts of Maine, Massachusetts, part of Rhode Island and Connecticut before heading home. The Green Mountains of Vermont, at right, dazzle even the most jaded of sightseers.



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**LAKE CHAMPLAIN** -- A sailboat glides in the distance, framing a view of Vermont from the New York shore of Lake Champlain. A one-hour ferry ride across the lake from Port Kent, N.Y. to Burlington, Vt., takes about an hour and costs a mere \$18, a pittance considering the views involved. The sixth largest body of water in the United States, Lake Champlain covers about 490 square miles. It's 108 miles long and 12 miles wide at its widest point.



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**MYSTIC SEAPORT** -- Located on the coast of Connecticut near the Rhode Island border, the Mystic Seaport is reputedly the world's largest maritime museum, its 19 acres housing a replica of a port which includes a bank, chapel, tavern and various shops. Most impressive is its shipyard where a fleet of antique ships are docked, most notably the *Charles W. Morgan*, the lone remaining 19th century whaler in our country today.



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**IVY LEAGUE** -- Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., is the northernmost school in the Ivy League. It was founded in 1769 to educate and convert Abenaki Indians, the tribe that Rogers' Rangers raided in Kenneth Roberts' classic tale of life on the colonial frontier in "Northwest Passage."



**BOSTON HARBOR** -- Visitors can tour Boston by boat, seeing the city from a sailor's perspective.



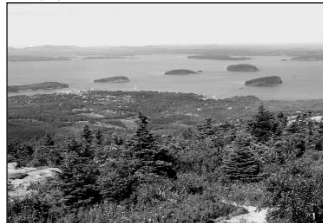
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**HOME GROWN BREW** -- The Atlantic Brewing Co. makes "Real Ale" in Bar Harbor, Maine, a brew worthy of both its name and acclaim.



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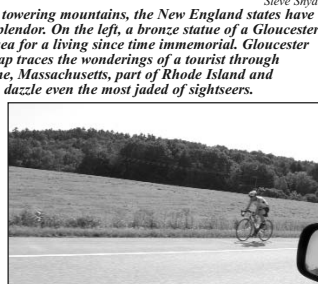
**ACADIA NATIONAL PARK** -- Located mainly on Mount Desert Island in Maine, Acadia National Park offers tourists an unspoiled paradise where motorists can drive around the 27-mile loop or check the sights on foot, bike or horseback.



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**BIKER CHIC** -- One can't remember seeing so many bicyclists in one place than those peddling up and down Vermont's Green Mountains.



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**WHITE MOUNTAINS** -- More than 20 summits soar above 4,000 feet in New Hampshire's 770,000-acre White Mountain National Forest, located in the northern part of the Granite State. The mountains' populace includes many moose, a shy member of the deer family.

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# Dix launches awareness, suicide prevention campaign

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Fort Dix will join the Department of Defense in observing National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 7-13, and World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept. 10. The National Guard and Army Reserve will host a month-long observation, Sept. 6 through Oct. 5.

To help make Soldiers, family members, and civilian personnel aware of the resources available to them to help prevent suicide, training sessions will be held Sept. 11 and 12 at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Timmermann Center. These classes provide information on the warning signs of suicide, as well as the resources available to help someone in distress. An information table will also be set up at the Joint Readiness Center on Sept. 8 and 9 to hand out information and hotline numbers to mobilizing troops.

The theme for this year's Suicide Prevention Week is "Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone."

The theme supports the idea that Soldiers are stronger together, especially when times are tough. It embodies the idea of being a battle buddy and brings meaning to "saving your buddy's life." It is a reminder that some of the toughest battles a Soldier can face are not always on the field, but with one's self. The Warrior Ethos states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade." This statement allows Soldiers to know that someone will always look out for them, and that it is okay to ask for help. This includes Soldiers who have fallen to personal and mental health issues.

"In the Army, we take care of each other," said General Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. "The theme embodies Army values - Selfless Service, Integrity, and Personal Courage. It means doing the right thing and taking steps necessary to make sure your buddy, Family members or civilian personnel get

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**Ask your buddy**

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm
- Ask the question directly, e.g., Are you thinking of killing yourself?

**Care for your buddy**

- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury
- Calmly control the situation; do not use force
- Actively listen to produce relief

**Escort your buddy**

- Never leave your buddy alone
- Escort to the chain of command, a Chaplain, a behavioral health professional, or a primary care provider

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the appropriate support he or she may need, especially when you know someone is having a tough time with a personal situation."

Last year, the Army saw the highest number of suspected and confirmed suicide deaths among active-duty and activated reserve-component Soldiers, 111, since the Army began tracking them in 2002.

While the "typical" Soldier who commits suicide is a young, white, male infantryman who takes his own life by firearms, suicide knows no boundaries.

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of older Soldiers and female Soldiers who take their own lives.

Most Soldiers who take their own lives do so while in the United States, but there has been an increase in the number of Soldiers who commit suicide while deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Using the battle buddy system as a model, all Soldiers now receive an ACE of hearts cards to carry with them. This card serves as a reminder that it is okay to have the courage and compassion to find out if a buddy is in trouble and to never leave someone in distress. ACE stands for: Ask your buddy, Care for your buddy, Escort your buddy.

Distress can cause changes in behaviors that may indicate suicidal thoughts. People closest to a Soldier, such as fellow Soldiers, friends, and family members are in the best position to recognize changes due to distress.

Some warning signs of suicide may include: comments made by a person about dying or suggestions on how one could kill oneself, giving away possessions, uncharacteristic behaviors such as reckless driving, excessive drinking or stealing, significant change in performance, depressed mood, and/or withdrawing from

social activities.

People exhibiting these signs should be taken seriously and medical help should immediately be sought for them.

Failed relationships, legal and financial issues, and occupational and operational issues are cited as being the leading reasons Soldiers commit suicide.

Fort Dix has many resources available to help Soldiers, family members and employees who may be experiencing these or other issues. The chapel, Army Community Services and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) are just a few places to seek assistance. Help is also available on-line at [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) and [www.armyfamilyline.org](http://www.armyfamilyline.org).

"I believe that it takes a community effort to keep everyone safe. Fort Dix EAP offers online and face to face trainings, and can come on site for workplace assessments and concerns. Supervisors can consult with me for questions regarding employees that may need to be referred and employees can be assured of confidentiality."

Suicide becomes a very public matter when someone attempts it - if they come in early to learn better coping skills and ideas, we can keep things more private," said Denise Horton, Alcohol/Drug Control Officer and Employee Assistance Program.

Anyone in distress or concerned about someone who may be in distress, may find more information by visiting or calling any of the resources below:

Fort Dix Chapel - 562-2020  
Fort Dix Army Community Services - 562-5668 or 562-2767

Fort Dix Police - 562-6001  
Medical Services Behavioral Health - 754 - 9513

Employee Assistance Program - 562 - 4011 or 562 - 3354  
Screening and Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) - 261-8000

National Suicide Hotline - 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433).

## Johnson earns top FMWR award

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installation holiday parties, the Fort Dix Team Day picnic and activities, Super Bowl and World Series parties at the tactical training base, Fourth of July Celebrations, entertainment venues such as Clint Black in concert, the New York Laugh Factory at Club Dix, and Susie Orman, Live at Timmermann Center, wireless internet service on the post, and Family and Soldier training and programs for mobilized soldiers and their families.

During the past 11 years since she has been the director of the Fort Dix FMWR One Fund has consistently met or exceeded Army financial standards and goals. Johnson has overseen many innovative changes in functional operations of FMWR programs and facilities to stimulate and encourage financial success and growth. A few of these changes include the addition of the Java Cafe to the services provided at Club Dix and Mulligan's at the

golf course.

One of the most profitable initiatives initiated under her watch is the Brass Recycling Program where expended brass is collected from the installation and sold to a recycler. This program has generated over \$1.4 million which has been used to enhance FMWR programs.

Like any true leader, Johnson is quick to point out that none of her accomplishments could have been achieved without the outstanding men and women in her directorate.

"I don't think I will ever find another job like this. We get to have fun and put smiles on people's faces - it's very rewarding. I have a great staff that wants to serve people. You've got to like the long hours and working weekends. I have a fabulous staff," Johnson said.

"Where else can you go to work where you can hold children at the Child Development Center and then go to the golf course and visit with the retirees," she asked.

"The members of the FMWR staff are unsung heroes. No position is any more important than another. Our housekeepers at Lodging and the cooks at Club Dix are just as important as our childcare workers and recreational staff and so on. Without any of them doing what they do this is only a training facility. The members of FMWR are the interwoven strands that make up the fabric of the installation community. They provide so many services to all of our service men and women and their families. I am so proud of all of them," Johnson reiterated.

"Above all else, I stress to the FMWR team that we are here for all military members and their families. We do everything we can to meet their needs. We hardly ever say no to a request for service or assistance. It is because of their caring so much about the community and our mission that we are so successful," she said.



Wayne Cook  
**HONORS -- Long-time Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Sarah Johnson displays her White Plume Award.**

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of August 25 through 31.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP#9, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at TAC #13. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck the fence. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of theft of private property at Bldg. 3152. Investigation revealed property secured in a locker belonging to a Fort Dix civilian employee had been taken by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police operated a Sobriety Safety Checkpoint as directed by the Installation Commander. A total of seven vehicles were checked with negative findings.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at TAC #13. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an airman assigned to Fort Dix, struck the vehicle inspection canopy. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash near Bldg. 5434. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unattended vehicle. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash near Bldg. 5650. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an airman assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unattended vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of theft of personal property at Bldg. 5344. Investigation revealed secured property belonging to a Fort Dix civilian employee had been taken by person(s) unknown. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at the Main Shopette. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle while backing. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on Tennessee Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle while parking. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Soldier NAFD, had expired registration and inspection. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Range Rd, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●During a routine traffic stop on Fort Dix Road, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Wrightstown Gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●During a routine traffic stop on Fort Dix Road, police discovered a passenger in the vehicle, a civilian NAFD, had an outstanding warrant from Chesterfield Township Police. The subject was transported to the police station for processing and transferred to the custody of Chesterfield Police.

●Police operated a Sobriety Safety Checkpoint as directed by the Installation Commander. A total of five vehicles were checked with negative findings.

●There were five expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●There were 30 Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at nine for the year.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fort Dix is looking for interested residents who would like to volunteer

"Fort Dix volunteers improve the quality of life for all residents"  
Call Army Community Service at 562-2767

# Camaraderie on menu at Dining-in

**Maj. Theresa Bunn**  
RTC-E PAO

Maj. Gen. James Mallory III, Commanding General of the 108th Training Command, Regional Training Center East's (RTC-East) higher headquarters, was the guest speaker for the Regional Training Center-East Dining-In held Aug. 29 at Club Dix.

The staff of the Regional Training Center-East created a jubilant night to remember complete with a bagpiper greeting guests of honor and attendees, a somber and reflective fallen comrade ceremony, and preparation of a creative concoction known as the "Grog Bowl".

Honored guests included speaker Maj. Gen. Mallory, Command Sgt. Maj. William Payne, of the 108th Training Command, RTC-East Brigade Commander Col. Claude Schmid, RTC-East Brigade Sgt. Maj. Jon Lycett, Fort Dix Post Commander Col. Ronald Thaxton, Fort Dix Post Com-

mand Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Commander, Col. Timothy Williams, RTC-East Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. William Renaldo, and RTC-East Battalion Commander, Sgt. Maj. Richard Kelly.

Highlights of the night included lighthearted skits prepared by RTC-East First Lieutenants that both entertained and delighted the audience.

Rules of the Mess were strictly enforced by Mr. Vice. Infractions were duly noted and punishments were imposed, including several trips to the ill tasting Grog Bowl for some, and multiple push ups for others, all while wearing formal attire.

In addition to all of the good humored fun, Soldiers enjoyed taking a break from performing their duties as pre-mobilization trainers for mobilizing Army Reservists. They received words of encouragement and praise from their commanding general for their accomplishments in



Pascual Flores

**HEAD TABLE - Representing the Command group and guest of honor for the Regional Training Center East Dining-In ceremony held at Club Dix, Aug. 29, are from left, Sgt. Maj. Jon Lycett, RTC-East Brigade Sgt. Maj.; Col. Claude Schmid, RTC-East Brigade Commander; Maj. Gen. James Mallory III, Commanding General of the 108th Training Command, Regional Training Center East's higher headquarters; and Command Sgt. Maj. William Payne, command sergeant major of the 108th Training Command.**

training over 1,500 soldiers since the start up of the organization in March 2008.

"The results that you produced here have reached the highest levels of the Army," said Mallory.

He further stated, "The Chief of Staff of the Army, General Casey, has said the Army Reserve and the Regional Training Center concepts have got it right and that the Regional Training Centers were one of the top 10 initiatives for the United States Army this year."

Mallory further shared the recent testimony of Brig. Gen. Robert Catalanotti, 98th DIV (ET) (USAR), commander of the division from which most of the RTC-East trainers served before deploying to Fort Dix in January 2008.

Catalanotti just returned from visiting his 98th Division troops in Iraq and they stated to him the RTC-East training was some of the best training they ever had during their multiple deployments.

Mallory further praised the training staff stating the RTC-East has set the gold standard and that the Soldiers, at all levels are saying the training is "spot on" and their quality training is the coin of the realm.

He was especially impressed with the non-commissioned officers' high quality, non-cookie-cutter-like training adapted to the readiness levels individually and

collectively of the incoming units.

"It's the way good NCOs train and is a testament to your

professionalism and I salute you," said Mallory.

Mallory concluded his speech and festivities with a command team toast from the grog bowl and stated it was his privilege to watch the RTC-East execute its mission.



Pascual Flores

**STARS AND STRIPES - Maj. Gen. James Mallory III, far left, converses with Staff Sgt. Kelvin Watts, honored guest from the Warrior Transition Unit, along with Col. Claude Schmid, RTC-East Brigade Commander and Maj. Richard Shau, Brigade Operations Officer, during the Dining-In ceremony held Aug. 29 at Club Dix.**



Pascual Flores

**THE WRITE STUFF - Col. Claude Schmid, RTC-East Brigade Commander, left, points to the many articles written about his unit during its assignment to Fort Dix to Maj. Gen. James Mallory III, Commanding General of the 108th Training Command.**

## Smoldering range fire under control

**Lisa Evans**  
Public Affairs Staff

Unusual August weather has contributed to fires on Fort Dix for some years, according to Fort Dix Fire Chief Jeffrey Silagy, and this year is no exception.

A 3,600-acre slow-burning range fire that started Aug. 28 caused smoke to drift across much of south central New Jersey during the past several days. The fire smoldered to a stop Sept. 3.

Silagy said that August is traditionally wet and humid, but for the past few years the month has been very dry with low humidity.

As a result of the dry conditions, Silagy said, the range impact area on Fort Dix which has traditionally been wet with streams, swamps and bogs, is very dry this year causing perfect fire conditions.

The fire was confined to Fort Dix and did not present a danger to any structures or

buildings on or off Fort Dix, Silagy assured the public.

"We normally have six to 10 people out there. Out west you'll see a thousand firefighters on the ground working by hand. We don't do that here," Silagy said with a smile.

The area burning was on the range impact area where it would be extremely hazardous for firefighters to go in. Unexploded ordnance can explode under heat conditions or when driven over.

Although it was slow burning and lasted more than a week, the fire was controlled. Silagy said that flames were contained within fire breaks and roads.

According to Silagy, help from the Cookstown and New Egypt wild land firefighters, ensured the fire stayed within the impact area boundaries over the weekend.

Fort Dix's Department of Public Works, Natural Resources division has been using a tractor with a plow to widen current fire breaks and

create new ones where there may be needed.

"We are fighting and containing the fire at this time," Silagy said, containing it by letting it burn itself out.

The biggest complaint from the public concerned smoke and ash but even this, Silagy said, is minimal.

Since the fire was slow-burning and close to the ground, cool nights calmed it down. But soaring morning temperatures fired it right back up.

"We're fortunate the wind has not been bad," Silagy said. Because of calm winds the smoke has been rising straight up for the most part.

"This fire has had minimal impact on training for McGuire and Fort Dix," Silagy said. "It hasn't affected flight training and only has affected training on Dix because of the tracer ban. Some ranges have been shut down momentarily but we get them reopened as fast as possible."

Silagy has ordered tracer

fire discontinued on Fort Dix until conditions are no longer too dry.

The current fire may have been started by natural causes or by artillery, mortar or tracer fire. Whatever the cause, letting the fire burn is best for the ecology. Silagy added that fires in the Pinelands are not unusual.

"It's a natural thing for this to happen. The (Native Americans) used to burn the Pinelands every year. They knew to do that," Silagy explained, adding that pine forests need fire for their seed

pods to burst open and spread. The health and continuation of pinelands depends on fire as much as on water and sunlight.

There is no pressing reason to stop this fire at this time, Silagy believes.

Mother Nature will take a hand this weekend. With three storms in the Atlantic Ocean, the tropical storm named

Hanna is expected to make landfall somewhere along the eastern seaboard over the weekend.

Silagy is patiently waiting for the storm to come north and bring heavy rains with it. A storm would be the safest and most ecologically friendly way to put any remaining hot spots out.

# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Thrift Shop accepting Fall clothing consignments

The Fort Dix Thrift shop is now accepting Fall clothing consignments. Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Appointments are also available by calling 723-2683.

The Summer Clearance Bag Sale is also underway. For only \$2, shoppers can fill a bag with all the TSP and PO6501 clothing that will fit.

The Thrift shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the first and third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Wednesday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information call 723-2683.

### Help available for voter registration

Human Resources-Military (HR-M) will be offering voting registration assistance to Soldiers. Absentee Ballot request forms, absentee ballots, and voter registration guides are available for all states, as well as U.S. territories.

Voter guides and absentee ballot request forms can be picked up Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MPD/Customer Service office located at 5418 Delaware Ave., central wing, first floor.

For more information contact voting assistance officers Maj. Marisol V. Lanza at 562-2598, or Master Sgt. Barbara Bookard at 562-2746.

### Medication disposal can pose environmental threat

Proper disposal of unused or expired medicine is an emerging environmental issue. As with any household waste, the disposal method chosen can have a direct effect on safety and the health of the environment.

Disposal via the toilet or the sink takes your drugs into the sewage system. Modern water treatment plants are not fully designed to deal with medication disposal.

The full extent of environmental damage and the long-term health risks of even a small amount of medications in our drinking water remain unknown.

Any unused or expired medications can be brought back to your pharmacy for a safer, environmentally friendly disposal.

### Volunteers needed for speaking engagements

The Fort Dix Public Affairs Office is looking for officer and senior NCO volunteers to help us in our community relations efforts by becoming part of our speaker's bureau. Please call Gerry Zanzalari at 562-4034 for more information.

### Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held weekly

Part of the mission of the Army Substance Abuse Program is to support 12 Step Programs in the community. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Fort Dix.

A closed, members-only meeting is held every Tuesday night at Bldg. 9013 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. On Thursday nights, there is a meeting at the Main Chapel from 7-8 p.m. (use the 8th Street parking lot entrance; the meeting is in the lounge near Fellowship Hall.) There is no cost except the desire to stop drinking behaviors that are harmful to yourself and others.

If you or someone you care about needs help, these meetings are ANONYMOUS.

For more information, call 562-2020 or 4011, or stop by Building 5203.

### 305th Med Group makes cancellations easy

Soldiers who cannot get to scheduled medical appointments on time at the 305th Medical Group, McGuire Air Force Base, may cancel their appointments by calling 754-9287. The phone will be staffed until 2 p.m., when it will switch to a message system that will be checked hourly.

## Bikers donate 'gift of life'



Lisa Evans

**BIKER BLOOD** - Rich Palmer, directorate of Logistics-supply relaxes while he donates blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Post Chapel, Aug. 29. Rich and other members of the Harley Owners Group came out to give the gift of life.

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix bikers from the Harley Owners Group gave blood during the Red Cross blood drive Aug. 29 at the Post Chapel. Pete Schneider, an Engineering Technician with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Rich Palmer with the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) Supply, both donated Friday morning because they

believe strongly in donating blood. "I always donate. We're supporting the local 1999 Union, the troops, hopefully, or whoever needs blood," Schneider said while donating.

Both men agreed that ensuring an adequate blood supply is top priority for them. Schneider said he told his daughter to donate but that she is afraid of needles. After he assured her that her one donation could save three lives, she agreed to overcome her fear and donate blood.

Schneider said that blood donation is the most important charity to him. "It's a good thing; it's the most important thing to do," Schneider said. "We (the Harley Owners Group) get solicited all the time but I tell people I am dedicated to the MDA and the Red Cross."

Schneider added that he watches the people drawing blood and the administrators and knows that they need cash as well as blood donations, so that is where he donates.

Patricia Selk-Welkenback said that 24 civilians donated prior to the Labor Day weekend. She said that she had gotten a lot of inquiries from Soldiers willing to donate, but that few Soldiers actually donated this time.

The American Red Cross at Fort Dix holds four blood drives each year prior to major holidays.

The next blood drive will be Nov. 26, before Thanksgiving, and will be held at the Post Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Good, clean fun

The "Patriots" class at School Age Services are all smiles about learning how to wash their hands from "Scrubby Bear" (Sue Lulias, American Red Cross Disaster Team volunteer) and Penny Tedesco, Preparedness Health and Safety educator on Aug. 28.

Jennifer Chupko

## Art, equality topics of discussion

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

The groundbreaking artwork of an amazing woman, artist and women's activist, was the topic celebrating Women's Equality Day at Club Dix Aug. 29. Frida Kahlo's dedicated advocate, Jayne Yantz, art instructor and historian, educated 15 women about this formidable woman during her presentation.

Yantz teaches diversity, art and art history at Burlington County College.

She also instructs in history, culture and the art of Islam at McGuire Air Force Base, helping the military understand who they are fighting with and against in Afghanistan and Iraq.

For her talk celebrating Women's Equality, Yantz spoke about Kahlo breaking a barrier at the Louvre when her work was purchased - the first Mexican artist represented by the world's most famous museum.

Married to artist Diego Rivera, who was one of the most popular artists of the first half of the 20th century and who overshadowed Kahlo until her death, Kahlo used her art to fight personal demons and societal wrongs.

Kahlo's work and activism for women's rights began when she was



Lisa Evans

**THE ART OF TALKING** - Jayne Yantz, Art History instructor for Burlington County College, gave a talk on artist and activist Frida Kahlo, at Club Dix for Women's Equality Day Aug. 28.

involved in a bus accident in 1925, at age 18, that sent a steel rod through her back and out her lower torso. Yantz described how Kahlo used art to express her pain, both physical and emotional.

"I suffered two grave accidents in my life. One in which a streetcar knocked me down... The other accident is Diego," Kahlo said about her life after marrying Diego Rivera in

1929. Of split European and Mexican ancestry, Kahlo melded her social experiences into vibrant, living art after dressing to hide a leg badly injured in the bus accident. She took to wearing floor-length dresses in traditional Spanish styles, matching her dresses with Pre-Columbian jewelry. Her mode of dress greatly influenced her art by bringing Mexican heritage

into her designs. Kahlo also drew heavily from Aztec and Pre-Columbian statues, interpreting ancient art about women into modern art about the female experience, incorporating her pain. She painted her first self-portrait in 1926.

Showing slides of Kahlo's art, Yantz explained that Kahlo used her own birth, the child she miscarried, the inability to have a child, her back injury and multiple surgeries, and marriage to a philandering man to depict images strictly for, and about, women and the pain they suffer.

Kahlo most often painted the pain Rivera caused her, especially after he began an affair with Kahlo's sister, and their subsequent divorce and remarriage. Many of her paintings, with their obvious references to Rivera, have created debate on why Kahlo and Rivera, though deeply in love, bothered to remarry and endured almost endless cycles of mutual infidelity after they remarried.

Although Kahlo had painted for more than 20 years and lived in the United States for many years, she did not have a major showing of her work in the United States until just before her death at the age of 47.

Kahlo, ill with pneumonia, attended a protest advocating the fall of fascism and rights for women and died two days later, July 13, 1954. A mystery of death some think was suicide.

## Tips help get kids safely to school

It's that time of year, time to trade the beach bag for the school bag and head back to school. New Hanover and Northern Burlington schools open Sept. 4 and Pemberton schools are prepared to open the doors to students on Sept. 8. This can be a time of great trepidation for young people and parents alike, but there are steps everyone can take to ensure that the school year is as easy as learning the ABCs.

**Before Leaving Home**  
● Teach your child his/her phone number, address, and any important information on how to contact you in an emergency.

● Teach your child to never leave or get into a car with a stranger under any circumstance. Teach them to report any such instances immediately.

● If someone else is to pick up your child, use a secret code that you have prearranged between you, your child and the adult.

● Teach your child who the police are and how they can help them.

● Teach your child the route to and from home and school.

● Observe what your child is wearing.

● Have your child fingerprinted and keep photos current.

● Print your child's name on clothes, jackets, lunch boxes, etc.

● Make sure your child knows that if he/she is lost you will be looking for them for as long as it takes.

● Do background and reference checks on all persons charged with the care of your child. Do not be afraid to call and inquire about people - it is your child that is at stake.

**School Bus Rules**

● Practice all rules with younger children.

● Leave home early, never wait until just before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

● Use care in crossing roads and ensure that you travel facing traffic.

● Wait at the bus stop in a safe place and not in the road or street.

● Never horseplay or run and jump while waiting for the bus.

● Once the bus arrives, wait until it comes to a complete stop and is ready for boarding.

● Board in a single-file, orderly fashion, never pushing or shoving.

● Be courteous.

● Take a seat and stay in the seat the entire trip unless told to move by the driver. Avoid standing.

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# Students lament Summer's end

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff

With the summer winding down and school right around the corner, a few children at the School Age Services program shared some of their thoughts on returning to school, things they look forward to and new challenges they will face.

Offering their opinions were: Davion Lewis, 7, from Mount Holly. He will be entering the second grade at Folwell Elementary School, Moises Nieves, 11, from Browns Mills, will be a new sixth grader at Marcus Newcomb Elementary School. Also attending Marcus Newcomb Elementary School are fifth graders Mary Jackson, 11, Tahj Sellers, 10 and Anastasia Titu, 10. Deashjah Jordan, 7 will be in the second grade at Fort Dix Elementary School.

**What do you think about the summer ending and going back to school?**

"I'm pretty sad about the summer coming to an end but at least I got my cast off!"—Lewis

"I think going back to school will be boring because we will have less time to play and lots of schoolwork."—Nieves,

"Summer has been lots of fun. I'm ready for school!"—Jordan

"I think that it's sad because we have fun now but when we get to school we won't have as much fun. When we get to school there will be a lot of homework and we will be stuck in a classroom."—Jackson

"I feel a little sad because when you go on vacation you wish it was school time but when it is school time there is so much work."—Sellers

"I'm sad that summer is ending but I'm happy that school is starting because I get to start a new grade and have a new teacher."—Titus

**What are you looking forward to during the new school year?**

"You get to learn new things like French and there are sports, and Arts and Crafts."—Sellers,

"I'm looking forward to the chance to make new friends, have fun in my new classes, having a new teacher, and gym class."—Jackson,

"This year I want to learn to do 11 times 11 and six times six, my multiplication tables. I love gym and art."—Lewis,

"I'm looking forward to going back to my subjects like music, arts, and athletics. Also, making new friends and learning new things like science and English."—Nieves,

"I'm looking forward to a new school, a new teacher and different people."—Titus

"I'm looking forward to playing with my friends."—Jordan,

**What are some new challenges you will face this year in school?**

"A new level of learning."—Titus,

"My biggest challenge will be the schoolwork and keeping it away from my baby brother who will rip it!"—Sellers,

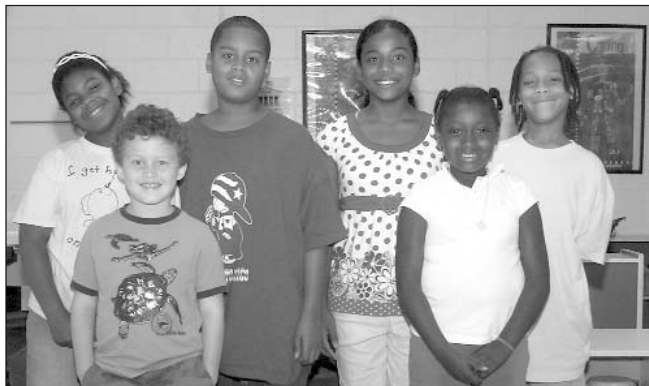
"My greatest challenge will be class work and homework."—Jackson,

"Now that I'm in the sixth grade I think the tests will be harder."—Nieves,

"My biggest challenge is how good the food is this year."—Lewis,

—Jordan, "My biggest challenge will be the homework."

Here's wishing everyone a safe, new school year.



Wayne Cook

**MOURNING SUMMER** - Children from the School Age Services program took a moment to reflect on the return to school and the passing of summer Sept. 3. Pictured, from left to right, Mary Jackson, 11, Davion Lewis, 7, Moises Nieves, 11, Anastasia Titu, 10, Deashjah Jordan, 7, and Tahj Sellers, 10.

## Army Experience opens

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Army News Service

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.

The Army opened the Army Experience Center, a one-of-a-kind, 14,500-square-foot virtual educational facility Friday at the Franklin Mills Mall.

The AEC, central to the Army Experience Pilot Program, offers visitors the opportunity to virtually experience many aspects of Army life, while evaluating new marketing strategies.

Located near a popular entertainment facility and an indoor skate park, the AEC features a number of interactive simulations and online educational opportunities. It is manned by more than 20 Soldiers who are available to share their stories with visitors and answer questions they may have about the Army. Although the Soldiers who run the center

are trained recruiters, the AEC is not a recruiting center, according to Ryan Hansen of Ignited Corporation, who partnered with the Army on the project.

"The center is an attraction tool. There is no recruiting mission here," Hansen said. "Here it is more about changing perceptions."

The Soldiers at the AEC don't have quotas. They don't wear traditional Army uniforms, but rather black Army polo shirts and khaki pants. They are from diverse backgrounds and have unique stories to tell. At first glance they seem more like tour guides than Army recruiters, and in a sense, they are. They guide center visitors through their tour of the facility.

"They are the Army," Hansen said. And as the center's slogan states, "The Army is more than you think it is."

Through market research,

and proven outreach tools like the "America's Army" game and the mobile "Virtual Army Experience," Hansen said the Army learned that the best way for people to become acquainted with their Army was for them to be able to touch, feel and see the Army in a non-threatening environment. By incorporating the lessons learned from and technologies of those outreach tools, officials believe the Army Experience Center will make the Army accessible to visitors.

"What we are doing here is reaching out to Americans, giving them the opportunity to understand their Army," said Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, head of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "Often times people have a negative perception of the Army, but the negatives are a very small part. Our Soldiers are well-trained, well-equipped and serving a great mission."

The Army Experience Center, Bostick added, will help dispel many of the myths that exist about the Army.

Transparency was one of the main focuses in the design of the center, said Maj. Larry Dillard, AEC program manager. The outside is made of glass, as are the fronts of every enclosed space within the center, with the exceptions of the simulator areas, which require low light to operate.

"Everything's transparent. We don't want to fuel the misconception that once our Soldiers tell their great Army stories, we drag kids behind a 'black curtain' and they come out enlisted," Dillard said. "We have nothing to hide. If someone wants to know more about the Army, great. If not, at the very least we will have changed their perception of the Army. The Army is a great deal and people just don't understand that."

## School safety —

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- Hold book bags on laps.
- Do not shout, horseplay, scuffle, or act discourteous on the bus at any time.

- Keep hands and arms inside the bus. Do not throw any item from the bus.

- Once the bus arrives at its destination, exit in an orderly and courteous manner.

- Be alert for any traffic.

**Driving or Riding**

- Ensure that you obey all traffic laws and that your child is properly restrained in the vehicle.

- Use the same route each time so that your child is familiar with it.

- Never rush - if you are late, you are late. Getting there safely is much more important than getting there on time.

- Remember to be alert for other children especially at bus stops and at the school itself.

- Review laws and rules with older children that drive and remember that they are a greater risk when they ride together with friends.

**Walking**

- Practice the path to and from school with your child.
- Walk with your child.

- Ensure your child dresses appropriately for the season or the situation.

**Biking**

- Practice the path to and from school with your child.

- Always wear an approved helmet - no matter how short the trip!

- Bike with your child whenever possible.

- Ensure your child dresses appropriately for the season or the situation.

- Ensure that your child knows and obeys traffic rules and laws.

# MILITARY MATTERS

## Army gives educational boost to recruits

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, 2008 — The Army is nearing capacity on its basic training preparatory school at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The Army Preparatory School, which opened Aug. 4, will reach its operating capacity of 240 students within the next two weeks, officials projected. The APS helps young Americans prepare for and earn a Certificate of General Educational Development, commonly referred to as a GED, so they may move on to basic combat training.

Entry into the Army depends on enlistees having earned a GED, or a high school-level or higher diploma. Students without these credentials — categorized as “Tier III” — cannot enlist. In an effort to improve recruitment numbers, the Army has been authorized to enlist some of those Tier III students.

“The Department of Defense has allowed us to contract these Soldiers in as Tier III enlistees,” said Lt. Col. Val Siegfried, Army branch chief for enlisted accessions. “After four weeks of school, if they earn their GED, DOD is letting us recode them as a Tier II so they may move on to basic training.”

Students at APS are actually Soldiers, either E-1 or E-2 depending on their enlistment contract. They may spend as many as four weeks at the school studying and preparing to take the GED tests. In order to move on from the school and into basic combat training, they must test for and earn the GED certificate in two tries.

For students, the school is simply an extra step between the military entrance processing station where they swear in and the first day of actual training at basic combat training.

“We give them a detour here; instead of sending them to basic training, they come to my school,” said Capt. Brian Gaddis, company commander, Army Preparatory School. “We educate them during our four-

week program and at the end they test and get their GED.”

Soldiers enrolled at the APS wear uniforms, get up early, do physical training, and go to class. They spend their evenings studying. Preparing for their GED test is the main focus of the school, said Gaddis.

“Our focus here is to hurry up and get them to basic training,” Gaddis said. “All these Soldiers have a desire to get there — to begin life in the Army as everybody knows it.”

In the schoolhouse, students are not so much instructed, but lead in self instruction. Students work mostly on their own and at their own pace.

“Our program is more of an independent adult education study,” Gaddis said. “For the majority of the class, the teacher is not standing up giving instructions. Everybody is working at their own pace. The instructors are giving Soldiers assignments and going around answering questions or offering assistance.”

Soldiers that enter the APS take the Test of Adult Basic Education so school officials may have a better understanding of their abilities. Then students focus on those areas they are weakest in. Students who demonstrate that they would be ready to take their GED test immediately are offered that option so they may get to BCT even faster.

“Theoretically, they could spend less than a week in class here — if they come to us ready to test out already,” Gaddis said. “Of our very first students that graduated here — one graduated in his second week, and two graduated in their first week. We don’t keep them any longer than we have to.”

In addition to the education curriculum, students at APS are taught some military education as well. Those classes, said Gaddis, helps better prepare them for their eventual entry into the Army.

“We do throw in a one-hour military class every day,” he said. “We include everything from drilling ceremony to first aid to basic map reading. We

do the military class for a couple reasons. One is to get them out of the classroom and clear their head — let them take a break. Eight hours a day in the classroom is tough.

“We also do the military class as part of the Soldierization process. Those who join the Army don’t envision themselves in a classroom doing math, they see themselves learning the skills every Soldier needs for combat. We want to give them a taste of that to remind them they are still Soldiers, and to also instill that discipline.”

But Gaddis said the real focus of APS is to get Soldiers ready to take the GED so they may move on to BCT. And thus far, he said, the school has been successful.

“We’ve got a 100-percent success rate right now,” he said. “We’ve had 18 Soldiers test, and 18 Soldiers pass. So I think we’re on track to have a real high success rate here.”

Soldiers spend their first three days of APS going through a sort of in-processing for the Army. They get identification cards, an initial uniform issue and a haircut. It’s the same kind of in-processing Soldiers go through before the real training begins at BCT.

When Soldiers leave APS, they are mixed with other Soldiers with whom they will endure BCT — right after those Soldiers complete their in-processing. The transition is seamless, Gaddis said. But for some, it won’t be entirely transparent. Soldiers from APS have already spent a month in the Army, learning the ways of the service, getting up early, standing at attention, and learning rank and protocol.

“When these guys finally get to BCT, they are going to benefit from being here for a month — I truly believe that,” Gaddis said. “If nothing else, they have learned to stand at parade rest and at attention. And with the physical training, while we don’t focus on them being PT studs, we do focus on them learning really proper form.”

The Army’s APS is about getting more quality recruits

into the service, said Siegfried. Those enrolled in APS have no issues — save for lack of a high school diploma or GED — that would prevent them from joining the Army. The recruits have no criminal background or medical issues. They also score adequate numbers

on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. The only thing missing, said Siegfried, is the GED that will allow them to join.

“Last year, only about three out of 10 young Americans were qualified to come in the Army,” said Siegfried. “And it

weight, health, lack of education or character issues that are causing the problems. And the problem is going to get worse. But we’re doing something about it — we’re going out and getting people, bringing them up to the standard, and putting them in the Army.”



Ryan Morton

### Congratulations in order

New Command and General Staff Officer Course graduate Maj. Denise Wurzbach, commander, Alpha Company, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, shakes the hand of the guest keynote speaker, Brig. Gen. Walter Chahovich at the graduation ceremony held at Fort Dix’s Timmermann Center Aug. 29.

## ROTC offers special incentive program

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Public Affairs Staff

The U.S. Army has announced a financial incentive pilot program for Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets that take college courses in critical languages areas.

The cadets are expected to commit to pursue college-level studies for the regular Army, the Army Reserve or the Army National Guard for a period of time no less than 2 years as a

Commissioned Officer.

The ROTC financial incentive pilot program is a college-based officer commissioning program offered predominantly in the United States.

It is designed as a field of study that focuses on leadership development, problem solving, strategic planning, and professional ethics and is authorized by Congress, in efforts to help increase Army commissioned officer recruiting.

According to the Army’s announcement, new ROTC

cadets who sign a contract are eligible for the financial incentive pilot program starting this fall and will be paid \$100 a month for the first year of participation. The program offers \$150 a month for the second year of language study, \$200 a month for the third year, and \$250 a month for the fourth year.

The maximum amount payable to a cadet for an academic year is \$3,000. This payment is in addition to an ROTC program that already offers \$1,200 a year for books and fees and a monthly stipend payment which is dependent on the number of years of higher education.

If a cadet chooses to take their military career further, there is a \$5,000 bonus for college students who complete the Army ROTC Leader’s Training Course and agree to become an Army officer.

This is in addition to the normal incentive that is already offered to cadets.

The cadet agreement allows the Army to offer two-year Army-service contracts to experienced doctors and other medical professionals, and chaplains, from the ages of 43 to 60.

The Army is seeking experts fluent in Arabic, Persian and Chinese. The program also includes Korean, Pashto (Afghanistan and Pakistan), Urdu (Pakistan and India), Indonesian, Swahili (east Africa), and Hausa (west and central Africa).

These languages are a critical part of fighting the war against terrorism and the countries involved that speak these languages.

According to the Army, about 25 percent of colleges and universities with an ROTC program offer courses in languages that are critical to Army operations.

The Army foresees some 200 ROTC cadets will sign contracts because of the language incentive pilot program.

## Sports Shorts

### Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Combat Fitness Training Challenge

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The class includes running, military-style calisthenics and drill exercises, cardio kickboxing and more. Call (609) 562-4888 for more.

### Bowling League

The Tuesday Nite Keglers (Mixed-HCP) league is forming for the 2008/2009 winter season. Sign up at the Fort Dix Bowling Center. Teams

and individual bowlers are needed.

League will begin 6:30 p.m., September 9.

Call Willie Williams at (609) 893-8430 for more information.

### Flag Football

Flag football season begins in October and interested parties can sign up at the Griffith Field House.

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photos by 1st Lt. Antonia Greene

## Running of the Brigades

Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, commends his Soldiers after a motivating early morning installation run Aug. 30, above. Thaxton and Col. Timothy Williams, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade commander, combined forces for the motivational 5K to welcome the Labor Day holiday. Below, Soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Battery 72nd Field Artillery Training Support Brigade, commanded by Capt. Javier Cortez, far left in bottom photo, take a cool down lap around the post headquarters after the early morning run.



### Army Community Service (ACS)

562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*A Department of the Army Accredited Soldier and Family Service Organization

Looking for information and assistance? ACS is here to serve you. ACS serves all military branches of service, DoD civilian personnel and retirees. The ACS Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

# Devens training builds bridges

Linda A. Jeleniewski  
94th RRC PAO

**FORT DEVENS, Mass.** -- "No bridge too far" is the axiom lived by the Army National Guard Soldiers of the 250th Engineer Company based in New London, Conn.,

during their first engineer training at Fort Devens in Massachusetts, Aug. 13.

The 250th Engineer Company is a Multi Role Bridge Company (MRBC) capable of performing fixed and float bridge operations. Under the auspice of the 192nd Multi Functional Engineer Battalion,

the 250th along with six other units provide mobility, engineer support, well drilling and firefighting detachments.

According to the 250th Engineers, the design of the MRBC gives commanders flexible and adaptable units that can accomplish both float and fixed bridge missions, with

a unit that is 100 percent mobile.

"Spending two weeks at Fort Devens has afforded us [250th Soldiers] the opportunity to use all of our equipment for a full-scale exercise," explained 1st Sgt. David W. Moorehead, civil engineer technician, State of Connecticut, construction and facilities management office.

"We did a recon of the area," continued Moorehead, "cut down trees through the saplings; leveled off the approach and cleaned out the gap. This area hasn't been used in a long time," he replied.

According to Keith Jackson, range control officer, US Army Garrison at Fort Devens, this was the first brigade exercise on Devens since the deactivation of the 39th Engineer Battalion when Fort Devens was an active duty installation. "It has been about fifteen years," said Jackson.

"It is exciting to see units use Fort Devens' ranges again

for what they are designed for hands-on training," he said.

The medium Girder Bridge (MGB) is a lightweight, man portable bridge that can be assembled without help from heavy equipment, explained Moorehead. "The primary components of the MGB system are rectangular 'top deck' segments and triangular bracing 'bottom deck' segments," he said.

Fixed bridging can be conducted over both dry and wet gaps using the MGB. "The total length of this bridge, when completed will be about 85 feet," said Staff Sgt. Kris Dziewaltowski, 250th Engineer Company.

Watching the progress of the bridge construction included Capt. Chuck Taylor, commander, 250th Engineers, Maj. Paul Thompson, area officer, 192nd Engineers and MACOM (Major Army Command) commander, 143rd Area Support Group (ASG) Col. Mike Casey.

"We have 74 Soldiers with 'boots on the ground,'" said Moorehead. "Twenty-seven of them are 21 Charlie's; bridge crewmembers," continued Moorehead. "They are extremely knowledgeable when it comes to bridge building."

A double story MGB requires 25 Soldiers to build. Moorehead adds in a medic and a non-commissioned officer-in-charge (NCOIC), making his team complete at 27.

"We are right on schedule," said Taylor, when asked how long it would take to complete the bridge.

The crew began at 9 a.m., with an expected completion time of 1 p.m.

"When the bridge is complete, the 192nd Military Police Battalion will cross," said Moorehead.

"And, then it's on to building a ribbon bridge," he stated. "All part of our two-week annual training at Fort Devens."



Linda Jeleniewski

**BRIDGE BUILDERS** -- Army National Guard Soldiers of the 250th Engineer Company, New London, Conn., crossover the launching nose of a Medium Girder Bridge (MGB) they are in the process of building at Fort Devens 'South Post, Aug. 13.

## Army releases 2008 strategy

Lindy Kyzer  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON (Sept. 2, 2008)** -- Last week the Army released the 2008 Army Modernization Strategy, the blueprint for the future of Army modernization.

Maj. Gen. Dave Halverson, the director of force development, discussed the new strategy in an interview with on-line journalists. He provided information about the survey and how it supports the Army's goals to provide the best equipment and capabilities to Soldiers.

Specifically, Halverson focused on how the modernization strategy offered an actionable way ahead for today's Army.

"Many times, with a modernization strategy, everyone's so focused on 'here's a weapons system' or 'here's a certain thing and here's what it

can do; here's what it can't do...and it's like a catalog of performance measures," said Halverson.

"This strategy that we've worked very hard with is much shorter, much better - because it actually explains why we have modernization and why we modernize within the forces - especially in persistent conflicts."

Halverson also pointed out how the modernization strategy is linked to the recently released FM 3-0, and how the modernization strategy supports the overall Army objective of dominance as a land power.

In outlining Army progress in modernization, Halverson noted the need to continue to field talented scientists and engineers to build and create new equipment.

As a member of the Army Science and Technology Board, Halverson said he is frequently involved in discussions as to how science and technology investments today can pay off for Soldiers tomorrow.

"Within the Defense Department, and obviously within the Army, we are pushing those things because I think it's very important," said Halverson, "because our Soldiers deserve the best, as they're fighting on foreign soil, and we have to have that so we can quickly give them the best advantage over the enemy."

One of the ways to provide that best advantage, according to Halverson, is through the fielding and acceleration of Future Combat Systems technologies into the battlefield.

"The reality is that it's just not future anymore," said Halverson. It's going on now, and we're giving capabilities to the Soldier, we're testing it now at Fort Bliss.

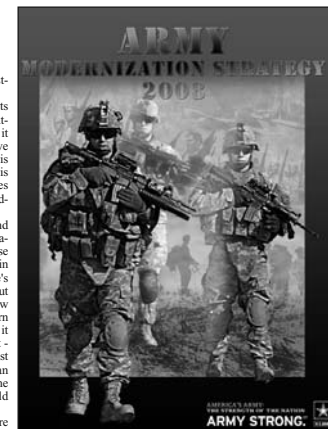
"As soon as we see things that we like, we can bring it up to the senior leaders and say,

'yes, this is where our investment needs to be.'"

One of the key components of today's modernization strategy, said Halverson, is that it isn't just focused on where we want to be in the future. In this era of persistent conflict, it is also fielding technologies today and continuing to modernize for tomorrow.

"We need to sit there and modernize to the next iteration," said Halverson, "because we have a learning enemy in this persistent conflict. He's trying to pull new things out there. We're seeing new threats...so we have to learn with that. And we have to do it with those Soldiers in contact - we have to give them the best and the most, so they can defeat this enemy and come home with their heads held high in victory."

Anyone interested in more information can find a copy of the 2008 Army Modernization Strategy at [www.g8.army.mil/](http://www.g8.army.mil/).



**FORWARD THINKING** -- The Army 2008 Modernization Strategy booklet was released last week.

## Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Capt.) Mike Jones  
Task Force Mountain

A part of any deployment is the process of counting days.

It seems there are various opinions on this subject. Some choose not to count days because they say it makes time drag. Others could not care less. However, the individuals that intrigue me the most are the ones who seem to know exactly how many days they have been deployed and more importantly, how many days are left until they return home.

We all count days. This is an activity that has been a part of life for as long as I can remember. I remember when the end of a school year would draw near. Each day that passed was a day closer to no homework and fun filled summer days.

Another example that will resonate with each of us is Basic Training or OCS. Need I say more? We have all counted days in some form or fashion.

This past week, I heard of a young lady planning a wedding while here in Iraq. She was quick to let me know precisely how many days were left until the wedding. Another NCO let me know how many days until he saw his family.

Still yet another Soldier, with his wife's constant reminding, told of how many days until the birth of a child. Further, I'd be remiss not to mention the countless promotions recently.

How many of these soldiers counted the days before receiving the increase in pay as well as responsibility? Again, we all count days; we just do it differently.

I'd like to follow Late Show host David Letterman's lead and offer the Top 10 reasons to count the days of a deployment.

10. Counting days gives perspective of deployment length.

9. Counting days gives hope for future events.

8. Counting days gives a sense of accomplishment.

7. Counting days gives an opportunity to give thanks for perseverance.

6. Counting days gives endurance and resilience for the future.

5. Counting days gives an opportunity to pause and think about what we have learned.

4. Counting days gives an appreciation for the people and things we miss the most.

3. Counting days gives the opportunity to grow spiritually.

2. Counting days gives the opportunity to analyze how well we are achieving goals.

1. Counting days is better than counting how many times we have walked to the dining facility.

The Psalmist, David, wrote a verse about counting days in Psalm 90:12: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

It's OK to look back as well as ahead but never forget the most important day to count: today. Make today count for something, and you'll be wiser for doing so.

## WATERFRONT PARK

**BENEFIT BASEBALL/SOFTBALL GAME**  
**(TRENTON THUNDER)**  
**ONE THUNDER ROAD**  
**TRENTON, N.J.**

**Friday, September 26, 2008**

**7:00PM**

**(Rain Date: Sunday, September 28, 2008)**

**ARMY VS JERSEY TROOPERS**

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James Fish - (609) 915-8106 Troopers  
Miguel Cartagena - (609) 203-1186 Troopers

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## Honoring the Colors

**Reveille**  
**6 a.m. (0600 hours)**

**Military personnel  
in uniform**

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag and  
salute at first note.*

**Military personnel  
not in uniform,  
civilians**

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag and  
place right hand over  
heart at first note.*

**Military personnel  
in formation or  
in a group**

*Senior Soldier calls  
group to "Attention,"  
then "Present, Arms"  
at first note. Calls  
"Order, Arms" at  
conclusion.*

**Individual military  
personnel, civilians  
in a vehicle**

*Stop vehicle and exit.  
Follow steps above.*

**Group of military  
personnel in  
a vehicle**

*Stop vehicle. Individual  
in charge exits and follows  
steps above.*

**Other bugle calls heard on post are:**  
Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)  
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)  
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

**Retreat**  
**5 p.m. (1700 hours)**

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag for  
Retreat, then  
salute at first note  
of To the Colors.*

*Stand at attention,  
face the flag for  
Retreat, then place  
right hand over heart  
at first note of  
To the Colors.*

*Senior Soldier calls  
group to "Attention,"  
then "Parade, Rest"  
at first note of  
Retreat. Calls  
group to "Attention"  
and "Present, Arms"  
at first note of To the  
Colors, then "Order,  
Arms" at conclusion.*

*Stop vehicle and exit.  
Follow steps above.*

*Stop vehicle. Individual  
in charge exits and  
follows steps above.*

## JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AT MAIN POST CHAPEL

**Rosh Hashanah**

**Sept. 29**

Candle lighting 6:24 p.m.  
Service 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 30**

Shacharis & Shofar blowing 9 a.m.  
Mincha/Maariv 6:25 p.m.

**Oct. 1**

Shacharis & Shofar blowing 9 a.m.  
Mincha/Maariv 6:25 p.m.

**Yom Kippur**

**Oct. 8**

Kol Nidrei 6:15 p.m.

**Oct. 9**

Shacharis 9 a.m.  
Yizkor 11 a.m.  
Mincha/Maf'ir Yonah 5:45 p.m.  
Neilah 6:45 p.m.

**Break the fast 7:38 p.m.**

# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139  
McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, Sept. 5 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Swing Vote-** Kevin Costner, Madeline Carroll, Paula Patton, Kelsey Grammer, Dennis Hopper, Nathan Lane, Stanley Tucci, George Lopez  
When the mischievous antics of a precocious 12-year-old girl result in the outcome of the United States presidential election hinging on the vote of her apathetic, likable loser of a father, the man who thought that life had long since passed him by is reluctantly thrust into the national spotlight in this political-themed comedy starring Kevin Costner.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - Language  
Run time: 1 hr. 59 min.

Saturday Matinee, Sept. 6 @ 3 p.m.

**Wall-E-** Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, Fred Willard, MacIntalk  
Disney and Pixar join forces for this computer-animated tale about a wide-eyed robot who travels to the deepest reaches of outer space in search of a newfound friend. The year is 2700, and planet Earth has long been uninhabitable. For hundreds of years, WALL-E (Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) has been taking out the trash, and collecting precious knick-knacks in order to stave off the boredom of his dreary routine. Little does WALL-E realize that he has recently stumbled onto a secret that could save planet Earth, and once again make the ravaged planet safe for all humankind. When highly advanced search robot EVE makes friends with WALL-E and realizes the value of his remarkable discovery, she excitedly races back to let the humans know that there's hope for their home planet after all.

MPAA Rating: G  
Run Time: 1 hr. 37 min.

Saturday, Sept. 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor-**  
The Fast and the Furious director Rob Cohen continues the tale of a globe-trotting adventure that finds explorer Rick O'Connell and son attempting to thwart a resurrected emperor's (Jet Li) plan to enslave the entire human race. It's been 2,000 years since China's merciless Emperor Han and his formidable army were entombed in terra cotta clay by a double-dealing sorceress (Michelle Yoh), but now, after centuries in suspended animation, an ancient curse is about to be broken.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - Intense violence and some menace.  
Run time: 2 hr. 32 min.

Future Features...

Friday, Sept. 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Step Brothers** -R-crude and sexual content, and pervasive language Run time: 1 hr. 35 min.

Saturday, Sept. 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants-**  
PG-13- Mature material and sensuality  
Run Time: 2 hours

## Chapel Services

562-2020

### Sunday Services

Combined Protestant/Gospel Service will be held on Sunday, September 14 at Willow Pond Park, corner of 8th Street and Texas Avenue at 10 a.m. Following the combined service a picnic will be held. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Protestant.....9 to 10 a.m.  
Catholic Mas.....10:15 to 11:15 a.m.  
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sunday School.....10 to 11:15 a.m.  
CCD.....9:15 to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950, Church Street  
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -  
Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue  
8:30 a.m.  
September 7 and 14

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent  
Hour of Power

Protestant.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Catholic.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Mormon.....8 to 9 a.m.  
Jewish.....8 to 9 a.m.

### Religious Services

Jewish High Holy Days

Monday, Sept. 29  
Rosh Hashanah  
Candle lighting 6:24 p.m./ Service 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30  
Mincha/Maariv 6:25 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1  
Shacharis & Shofar blowing 9 a.m.

Islamic Prayer room  
Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through  
Friday - Room 24

**Christian Women of the Chapel -**  
Bible Study - All are invited to a Welcome Tea at the Main Chapel on Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

**Christian Men of the Chapel -**  
Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

Job Openings

The following appropriated fund non-personal services contracts are available. The contract period is Oct. 1, 2008 - Sept. 30, 2009 with two option years.

GOSPEL CHOIR DIRECTOR  
CHAPEL YOUTH SPECIALIST

Contact  
Mrs. Deborah Terrell, (609) 562-2093

### Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

\*East Coast Wrestling September 11 at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

## ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

Monday Sept. 8  
AFTB Level 1  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. American Red Cross

Tuesday, September 9  
Hearts Apart Support Group  
10 a.m. -1 p.m. , ACS

Wednesday, September 12  
Resume Writing Seminar  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., ACS

Tuesday, September 30  
Small Business Q & A  
5:30-7:30 p.m., ACS

### Banking/Credit Union Services

Bldg. 5201, ACS 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 2 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday 1 - 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

**Administrative Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Monday Sept. 8 First day of School

### Weekly Schedule

Monday -Friday

Power Hour 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Computer Lab 4-6 p.m.

### Friday

Torch Club 4-5 p.m.

### Saturday

Spades Tournament 4-6 p.m.

### Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691

Arts & Crafts will be closed  
August 30 for Labor Day

Registration Hours: Tues. 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 12 - 5 p.m. and 6-8:45 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

### Outdoor Recreation

Bldg. 6045 562-6667

John Mann Park Summer Hours

Wednesday through Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.  
Friday through Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.  
Mondays and Tuesdays Closed  
For more information call 562-6667

## FMWR presents

CLUB DIX - 723-3272

Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Café

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Served

Tuesday -Friday 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.  
Saturday - Monday Closed

Bar Hours

Wednesday 5 - 10 p.m.  
Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10 p.m.  
Sunday - Tuesday Closed

Computer Lab

Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday - Friday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday Noon - 10 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\*Ballroom Dancing is coming to Griffith Field House. Every Thursday starting September 4. Learn basic routines for the waltz, swing/jitterbug, foxtrot, and an introduction to Latin Dance. Partners not required. Call 562-4888 for details.

\*Operation Rising Star - September 12, 19 and 26, 7 to 10 p.m. - The Army version of American Idol. Win the ultimate recording music experience. Open to Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve from any branch of the services and Family members at least 18 years of age. Registration deadline is September 12. All auditions are open to the post community. Call Bob at 562-6772 for more details.

\*Texas Hold'em Tournament at Club Dix - September 19 - Pre-registration is \$19, at the door is \$24. Call 723-3272 or 723-3273 for details.

### Aquatic Center

Indoor Pool 562-2808

Hydro Aerobics Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. ,  
Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m. & Sat. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the indoor pool.

The indoor pool will be closed for maintenance September 2 to 15.

Outdoor Pool open until Sept. 16

Monday-Friday

6-8 a.m.  
Military retirees/Adult Military dependents 10-11:30 a.m.  
Working DoD/Active Duty 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Recreational Swim 1-5 p.m.

Saturday  
Lap Swim 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Recreational Swim 12-6 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Book a party any day at the Indoor Pool. Sign up for swim lessons, or maybe a safety class at the Indoor Pool. Both classes fill fast so don't hesitate. Call 562-2808 for prices and availability.

# Soldiers, Sailors combine forces

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

Joint training -- it's a term that's become synonymous with the military today, and here at Fort Dix, Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) 448th Civil Affairs Battalion applies this principle in full as it is comprised of Soldiers and Sailors training together side-by-side for an upcoming mission in Iraq. The unit, out of Fort Lewis, Washington, is made up of approximately 36 Soldiers and 17 Active Duty Sailors. The Sailors in the unit volunteered for the task.

The civil affairs mission is unique in the sense that the units work to help countries rebuild their infrastructures.

"We help rebuild governments and economies by showing them how to manage projects, people, and resources to better themselves," said Navy Chief Donald Robertson, HHC 448th Civil Affairs Bn.

Robertson said that a large part of their mission involves "winning the hearts and minds of the local people."

An example of this would be going into a war torn or impoverished town, city, or village and making an assessment of the needs of the community and helping the people get settled and situated.

Take for instance the rebuilding of a school. In this case the HHC 448th Civil Affairs Bn. would show the

people how to contract out the task and how to take advantage of their resources to get the job done.

The HHC 448th Civil Affairs Bn. has been training on Dix for nearly two months and is now into the home stretch of its preparations. Robertson said the whole process has gone fairly smooth considering that the Sailors, for the most part, are relatively new to this kind of training.

"I thought there would be a problem in the beginning, but we've been able to blend and work very well together, and things are running very smoothly between the services," said Robertson.

"Overall the training with the Army has gone really well. I've been very impressed with the way each service has been able to operate together. I've found out that for the most part, that we (the services, Army and Navy) do things in a similar matter, just a different language," he said.

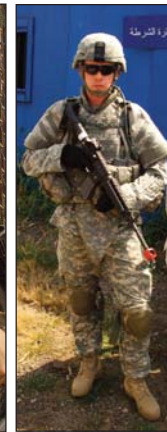
As the Soldiers and Sailors of HHC 448th Civil Affairs Bn. finish up the details of their stateside preparations, they feel a growing anticipation and excitement about the task at hand, but are able to keep their primary focus on the mission.

"The first goal is to get everybody home safely, but we also want to make some kind of positive difference for the Iraqi people and leave it a better place than when we arrive," said Robertson.



photos by Ryan Morton

**LANGUAGE BARRIER** -- Soldiers and Sailors from Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) 448th Civil Affairs Battalion, out of Fort Lewis, Washington, conduct their final training preparations at Fort Dix's Balad training range, September 3. Top right, Capt. Scott "Scooter" Blair deals with a curious local villager during the training scenario, played by a role-play actor called a Civilian on the Battlefield (COB). Lower left, Spc. Rejeana Dodson stands guard while she and her fellow Soldiers and Sailors respond to enemy fire. Below-middle photo, Naval Lt. j.g. Laura Nevel communicates with her interpreter in the scenario, played by a COB, as they consult with town officials, while Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Kroiss stands guard and keeps an eye on Nevel and her interpreter. These Soldiers and Sailors have been training at the installation for nearly two months and will soon depart on their civil affairs mission to Iraq supporting the Global War on Terrorism.



## Quartermaster cleans house while training

Ryan Morton  
Public Affairs Staff

When the 140th Quartermaster Company, Detachment 2, deploys to Iraq, many of the Soldiers in theater will welcome them with open arms. Why? Because these Soldiers are bringing the equipment to get clothes cleaned and bodies washed.

Yes, you heard right. This company, out of Fort Totten, N.Y., will be responsible for the "cleaning services" at whichever base camp they will be assigned to. They will provide the laundry service, uniform renovations or alterations, and operate the showers.

This is a large scale operation, especially the laundry service. In country, they will

use a piece of equipment called a Laundry Advanced System (LADS) worth nearly \$400,000 to wash and dry 800 bundles of laundry per day for Soldiers.

While at Fort Dix, these Soldiers have been training on every aspect of this megawashing machine.

"Our main goal is to make the Soldiers happy by providing them with a quality laundry and renovation service and a nice hot shower," said Staff Sgt. Eric Thompson.

The LADS has two drums and each drum can wash and dry as many as 30-35 bundles of laundry per cycle.

They also will operate the renovation shop where they will repair uniforms and sew on patches, ranks, and nametags.

Nowadays, though, there won't be many patches to sew on because the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) has Velcro that holds nameplates, ranks, and unit patches.

The rank insignia is still sewn onto the patrol cap and the Desert Combat Uniform (DCU) is still worn by some, since it has not yet been completely phased out.

The Basic Dress Uniform (BDU), which is, for the most part, obsolete, has been removed from use. They still sew patches on the DCU and BDU.

They've been hard at work training here at Dix and will soon take a few well-earned days off to go home to visit loved ones before departing on their tour.



photos by Ryan Morton

**HEAVY LOAD** -- Spc. Alfredo Chalas, 140th Quartermaster Co., Detachment 2, out of Fort Totten, N.Y., loads laundry into the Laundry Advanced System (LADS) at Fort Dix, Sept. 2.



**STITCH IN TIME** -- Pfc. Ernesto Roca, 140th Quartermaster Co., Detachment 2, above, preps his sewing machine to alter a uniform in the "renovations shop." Below, Spc. Andrew Bioti and Spc. Danae Mohalland prepare the Laundry Advanced System (LADS) for another round.

